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## **Infant botulism investigation update**

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MD., -- Maryland health officials have confirmed the presence of Type B *Clostridium botulinum* bacteria from both cases of infant botulism recently diagnosed at Fort Meade. This confirmation was expected as this type of botulism strain is typically found on the East Coast.

The first case of infant botulism was diagnosed in October 2006 and the second in December 2006. Both children have since been treated and are recovering. The children live on Oliver Court at Fort Meade.

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) have contacted the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Ga., to determine if they are willing to do subtyping of the bacteria.

Investigators continue to discuss and coordinate with DHMH, CDC, Fort Meade medical authorities and other experts as they work towards completing the investigation.

In addition, the Army's Medical Surveillance Activity (AMSA) is also working on a retrospective analysis of botulism cases from 1996-2005 for publication in their Medical Surveillance Monthly Report (MSMR) article. These reports are available online at [http://amsa.army.mil/AMSA/amsa\\_home.htm](http://amsa.army.mil/AMSA/amsa_home.htm).

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